

UN-GGIM: EUROPE

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

Date and Place: 01 October 2014. Chisinau Moldova

Chair	Bengt Kjelsson	BK	Sweden	Present
Vice Chairs	Dorine Burmanje	DB	Netherlands	Present
	Antonio Arozarena	AA	Spain	Present
Members	Kristian Møller	KM	Denmark	Present
	Pascal Berteaud	PB	France	Present
	Hansjoerg Kutterer	HK	Germany	Present
	Ezio Bussoletti	EB	Italy	Present
	Jacek Jarząbek	JJ	Poland	Present
	Tomaz Petek	TP	Slovenia	Present
	Peter ter Haar	PtH	UK	Present
	Andrei Tarnopolskiy	AT	Ukraine	Present
Observers	Stefan Schweinfest	SS	UN-GGIM Secretariat	
	Steven Vale	SV	UN-ECE	
Secretary	Dave Lovell			

Actions for ExCom

Actions for Secretariat

BK, the Chair, welcomes everyone to the meeting. This is the first meeting of the Executive Committee (ExCom) following its creation by the first plenary meeting of UN-GGIM: Europe, earlier the same day. No agenda has been issued.

BK proposes the topics for the meeting:

- a) Appointment of Chairs for Working Groups
- b) Modus Operandi
- c) Attendance at UN-GGIM and other meetings
- d) Date of next meeting.
- e) Any other Business

Adopted

France proposes to chair Working Group A. Germany proposes to chair Working Group B. BK thanks France and Germany and asks if there are other proposals. There are not.

Adopted

BK informs the meeting that some UN Member States have expressed interest in contributing to the working groups and encourages Working Group Chairs to establish the groups quickly by sending invitations out very soon.

BK reports that working with Eurostat has been very helpful and proposes them as observers in ExCom.



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SV informs the meeting that the UN conference of European Statisticians, have decided to invite Eurostat to their meetings as permanent observers.

EB observes that the JRC of the European Commission have good knowledge of information management and proposes them as observers to ExCom.

TP agrees and proposes that they should be permanently invited.

AA suggests that the European Environment Agency are also relevant because of the Copernicus programme and proposes them as observers.

BK, summarises; the proposal is to invite Eurostat, JRC and the EEA as contributing observers at future ExCom meetings.

Adopted: Secretariat to inform Eurostat, JRC and the EEA and include in meeting Doodle.

BK informs the meeting that UN-GGIM: AP has invited Europe to present a liaison report to their 3rd meeting 10-12 November, 2014, and asks if any member of ExCom is attending. There is not.

SS comments that a member of the UN-GGIM Secretariat, Greg Scott, is attending and could deliver the report on behalf of Europe.

Adopted. BK asks the Secretariat to prepare a report in consultation with Mr Scott..

BK asks if anyone is attending the UN-GGIM HLF in Beijing. PtH confirms that he is, DB confirms that she is too and is happy as VC to deliver a report.

Adopted. BK asks the Secretariat to prepare a report in consultation with DB

BK expresses the wish to hold a full meeting of the ExCom before the end of the year, or certainly no later than January 2015. Proposed dates: December 2, 3, 8 and 19. Secretariat to issue a Doodle to find most convenient..

EB confirms the importance of a first physical meeting but proposes the use of technology for some. Chair agrees.

Adopted. BK requests the Secretariat to inform members of the facility to be used.

BK proposes a draft agenda as follows:.

- i. Allocation of responsibilities to ExCom members
- ii. Working Group chairs to present the revised WG plans
- iii. Consideration of capacity building activities
- iv. Review of how the workplan can assist with Census 2020
- v. Supportig the UN agenda particularly the sustainable development goals
- vi. Consideration of involvement at 5th Meeting of the Committee of Experts. 5-7 August 2015
- vii. Planning for 2nd Plenary meeting (2015)

Chair asks members to send other issues for the next meeting to dave.lovell@eurogeographics.org

EB reminds members that ExCom should not be considering technical issues; the focus should be more political because ECOSOC is a political process. It is important that ExCom and the wider membership ensure their diplomats in NY are briefed and motivated. Real work is also needed in UNMSs with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to sell the importance and benefits of good use of good geo-information..

PB agrees work in ExCom should be at political level EuroGeographics is the countries collective technical tool.

DB asks SS if there is a UN-GGIM global calendar. SS confirms that meeting dates are announced well in advance. SS mentions the 5th meeting of the Comm. Of Experts Aug 2015; 8 substantive topics will be on the agenda and heencourages contributions at this from all Regions. Look at the UN calaendar function.

ExCom meetings should be put there.



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BK suggests that messages should be packaged so it might be good to hold the Plenary meeting before August each year. EB agrees it is important to have a preparatory meeting before August reporting.

PB proposes that the [21st Conference of the Parties on Climate Change 2015](#) could be an important opportunity for UN-GGIM: Europe to raise the geo-information contribution. **The Secretariat is asked to find relevant details**

BK asks if there is any other items of business members which to raise. There is none.

BK asks that **the Secretariat to prepare and introduce a programme of PR** to ensure wide awareness of the creation, membership and forthcoming activities of UN-GGIM: Europe.

BK thanks all members for their active contributions and expresses his satisfaction with the outcome of the day and his gratitude to everyone who contributed to this important milestone for the geo community.

16.30, the meeting is closed

